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Agenda item 118
Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Draft decision proposed by the Chairman

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the requests received from the Governments of Georgia[1] and Guinea-Bissau,[2]

Decides, without prejudice to Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly:

(a) To grant a temporary waiver for a period of three months, beginning on [3] October 1998 to Georgia and Guinea-Bissau;

(b) To request the Committee on Contributions to review the cases of Georgia and Guinea-Bissau at its next session.

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[1] A/C.5/53/22.
[2] A/C.5/53/21.
[3] Date of adoption by the General Assembly.

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Agenda item 113
Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and the reform of the secretariat, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997 and proposals pursuant to General Assembly decision 52/462 of 31 March 1998

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and subsequent relevant resolutions,

Recalling its resolutions 51/167 of 15 December 1996 and 52/220 of 22 December 1997 and decision 42/462 of 31 March 1998,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and the reform of the secretariat,[1]

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

[1] A/52/898 and Corr.1.
[2] A/53/7/Add.2.

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Emphasizing the need to strengthen the capacity of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in particular, in priority areas,

1. *Endorses* the proposals of the Secretary-General, on the understanding that the amount to be utilized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development should not exceed 5,526,600 United States dollars;

2. *Agrees* to the use of the amount of 1,088,000 dollars for the expenses of experts attending, in their personal capacity, expert meetings convened by the Commissions in accordance with paragraph 114 of the document entitled "A Partnership for Growth and Development",[3] on the understanding that:

(a) It would only involve a one-time expenditure within the framework of the biennium 1998–1999, made possible because of extra resources that have been allocated as a result of underspending;

(b) The financing of experts would not set a precedent regarding the financing from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development regular budget of the expenses of experts attending, in their personal capacity, expert meetings convened by the Commissions of the Trade and Development Board, in accordance with paragraph 114 of the document entitled "A Partnership for Growth and Development";[3]

(c) Special consideration would be given to the needs of developing countries, in particular, the least developed countries;

3. *Invites* the Trade and Development Board to take a final decision at its forty-fifth session (12–23 October 1998), on the question of the selection, nomination and appointment of experts to participate in the expert meetings of its Commissions, so as to enable the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development secretariat to carry out the foreseen activities without further delay;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on the implementation by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of the activities financed by the unspent balance referred to in paragraph 1 above, and on how the accomplishments had contributed to strengthening the capacity of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in particular, in priority areas;

5. *Considers* that significant savings had been achieved by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as a direct result of decisions of the ninth session of the Conference, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and the reform of the secretariat;

6. *Regrets* the lack of clear information concerning the savings achieved pursuant to the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the reform of its secretariat, and takes note, in this context, of the indication, in paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] that an amount of 2 million dollars, which is part of the above-mentioned savings, could be traceable to the reduction in the conference-servicing requirements of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development undertaken as a result of the ninth session, and agrees with the Advisory Committee that this information should have been reflected in the report of the Secretary-General;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, comprehensive information on the savings, including the amount of 2 million

[3] See A/51/308.

dollars referred to above, resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and the reform of the secretariat, as requested in its resolutions 51/167 and 52/220;

8. *Decides* to continue consideration of this question during the main part of its fifty-fourth session.

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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

The General Assembly,

(a) *Requests* the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO to consider the proposals on new administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[1]

(b) *Further requests* these bodies to submit their comments, as a matter of priority, for its consideration.

[1] A/53/7/Add.3, para. 11.

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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Human resources management

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/217, 52/218 and 52/220 of 22 December 1997 and 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Reaffirms* that the circumstances in which the Secretary-General can accept gratis personnel should be in strict compliance with paragraphs 4 (a) and (b) of its resolution 51/243;

2. *Notes* that the decrease in type II gratis personnel is continuing, as requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 9 of its resolution 51/243;

3. *Notes with concern* that the information provided by the Secretary-General fails to demonstrate the extent to which all gratis personnel accepted in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations provide very specialized expertise not available within the Organization, as is required under paragraph 4(a) of General Assembly resolution 51/243;

4. *Also notes with concern* the observation by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that the cases of the acceptance of gratis personnel by the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former

[1] A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1 and A/C.5/52/56.
[2] A/53/417.

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Yugoslavia since 1991 and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, referred to in the reports of the Secretary-General,[3] contravene the provisions of its resolution 51/243, which does not allow acceptance of gratis personnel on the grounds of failure by the Secretariat to recruit staff in an expeditious manner;

5. *Further notes with concern* that the extension of the deadline for the submission of applications for the replacement of type II gratis personnel has resulted in cases of differential treatment among Member States;

6. *Takes note* of the commitment of the Secretary-General to complete the recruitment process for the replacement of type II gratis personnel, including those in the two international tribunals, by 28 February 1999, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further improve the planning and implementation mechanism in human resources management in a transparent manner and to ensure the independent and efficient work of the Secretariat pursuant to Articles 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that recruitment for any new posts arising from the phase-out of gratis personnel is made on as wide a geographical basis as possible with due regard to gender;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the phase-out of type II gratis personnel at its resumed fifty-third session.

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[3] A/C.5/52/51 and A/C.5/52/56.

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Agenda item 142 (a)
Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, 51/239 B of 15 September 1997, 51/243 of 15 September 1997 and 52/220 of 22 December 1997 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 52/234 and 52/248, both of 26 June 1998;

[1] A/52/837 and Corr.1.
[2] A/52/892 and A/53/418.

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2. *Notes with deep concern* the observations contained in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[3] to the effect that little had been done to meet the explicit concerns of the Committee concerning the quality of information provided by the Secretary-General and that the lack of a reply to requests for clarification or additional information in particular areas had affected a specific recommendation of the Committee;

3. *Further notes with concern* that the extension of the deadline for the submission of applications for the replacement of type II gratis personnel has resulted in cases of differential treatment among Member States;

4. *Takes note* of the commitment and assurances by the Secretary-General that the recruitment process for the replacement of type II gratis personnel, including those in the two international tribunals, will be completed by 28 February 1999, in accordance with resolutions 52/234 and 52/248;

5. *Reaffirms* its decision contained in paragraph 16 of its resolution 52/248 to approve 400 support account-funded temporary posts for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when determining the allocation of the 400 support account-funded temporary posts, including the six additional posts, to take into account the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include in his support account submission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 a comprehensive review of a rapidly deployable mission headquarters, addressing particularly the differences between the functional responsibilities of a rapidly deployable mission headquarters and those of the Mission Planning Service of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and further to develop the concept for its employment during the initial phase of a new peacekeeping operation, as mentioned by the Special Committee for Peacekeeping Operations in paragraph 101 of its report[4] and referred to by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report,[3] and taking into account the issues raised and comments and observations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;

8. *Decides* to establish, within the level of the 400 support account-funded temporary posts approved for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, two civilian posts at the P-4 level (one Humanitarian Affairs Officer and one Civilian Police Officer) for a rapidly deployable mission headquarters, and to revert to the issue of the other proposed positions in the context of its consideration of the information requested in paragraph 7 above;

9. *Notes* the observations contained in paragraph 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee[3] and decides to establish one post at the P-4 level for the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

10. *Regrets* that a comprehensive review of the issues raised in its resolutions 50/221, 51/239 and 52/248 has not been carried out, and requests the Secretary-General, in the context of his support account submission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, to give a detailed account of the implementation of those and the recent resolutions, including the revised structures of those Departments involved in backstopping

[3] A/53/418

[4] A/53/127

peacekeeping operations, redeployment, duplication, overlap, fragmentation, the evolution in peacekeeping trends, changes in workload, and other issues raised by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 8, 15, 27, 34, 35 and 41 of its report,[3] and to report to the General Assembly thereon.

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Agenda item 136
Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission of Observers, the latest of which was resolution 1167 (1998) of 14 May 1998,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1138 (1997) of 14 November 1997, by which the Council authorized the Secretary-General to expand the size of the Mission of Observers,

Recalling further its resolution 49/240 of 31 March 1995 on the financing of the Mission of Observers and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/229 B of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission of Observers are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

[1] A/52/772/Add.2
[2] A/53/474

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Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission of Observers, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission of Observers,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission of Observers with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan as at 15 October 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 9.2 million United States dollars, representing some 22 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission of Observers to the period ending 31 October 1998, notes that some 16 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments,

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission of Observers in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission of Observers is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission of Observers against General Service posts, commensurate with its requirements;

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan the amount of 11,984,880 United States dollars gross (11,128,880 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission of Observers for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, in addition to the initial amount of 8,015,120 dollars gross (7,587,120 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998, inclusive of an amount of 415,120 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, already appropriated and assessed under the terms of its resolution 52/229 B;

9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 8,015,120 dollars gross (7,587,120 dollars net) already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 52/229 B, to apportion the additional amount of 11,984,800 dollars gross

(11,128,880 dollars net) for the period from 1 November 1998 to 30 June 1999 among Member States, at a monthly rate of 1,498,100 dollars gross (1,391,110 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B and 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission of Observers beyond 15 November 1998;

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the additional estimated staff assessment income of 856,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 November 1998 to 30 June 1999;

11. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission of Observers in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

12. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan".

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Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force, and 1186 (1998) of 21 July 1998, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 28 February 1999,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/245 of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

[1] A/53/437.
[2] A/53/481.

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Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note of* the status of contributions to the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force as at 15 October 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 22.7 million United States dollars, representing 19 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 30 June 1999, notes that some 19 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force the amount of 29,000,000 dollars gross (28,170,800 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, in addition to the amount of 21,053,745 dollars gross (20,580,245 dollars net) already appropriated under the provisions of its resolution 52/245;

9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into account the amount of 21,053,745 dollars gross (20,580,245 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with its resolution 52/245, to apportion, among Member States, the additional amount of 12,315,418 dollars gross (11,920,452 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1998 to 28 February 1999 in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18

December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 394,966 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 28 February 1999;

11. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion, among Member States, the amount of 16,684,582 dollars gross (16,250,348 dollars net) for the period from 1 March to 30 June 1999 at a monthly rate of 4,171,145 dollars gross (4,062,587 dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for 1999, as set out in resolution 52/215 A, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 28 February 1999;

12. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 434,234 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 March to 30 June 1999;

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-third session the agenda item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force".

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Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara[1] and taking note of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1198 (1998) of 18 September 1998,

Recalling its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/228 B of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

[1] A/52/730/Add.2 and Add.3 and Add.3/Corr.2.
[2] A/53/474.

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Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 15 October 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 69,886,177 United States dollars, representing 21 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 21 September 1998, notes that some 17 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the additional amount of 37,250,460 dollars gross (34,445,260 dollars net) for the operation of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, taking into account the amount of 22,749,540 dollars gross (21,473,540 dollars net) already appropriated for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998 under the provisions of its resolution 52/228 B;

9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 22,749,540 dollars gross (21,473,540 dollars net) already apportioned for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998 under the terms of its resolution 52/228 B, to apportion the additional amount of 37,250,460 dollars gross (34,445,260 dollars net) for the period from 1 November 1998 to 30 June 1999 among Member States, at a monthly rate of 4,656,307.50 dollars gross (4,305,657.50 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A

of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B and 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 31 October 1998;

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2,805,200 dollars approved for the period from 1 November 1998 to 30 June 1999;

11. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

12. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".